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1. FORMER WASHINGTON LABATT WAKABAYASHI (JUST PROMOTED TO CHIEF OF LABOR POLICY DIVISION) TOLD LABATT JUNE 30 THAT MOL SHARED DOL'S GREAT SATISFACTION WITH OUTCOME OF MINISTER FUJII'S WASHINGTON VISIT. MOL NOW LOOKING FORWARD TO SECRETARY MARSHALL'S VISIT TO JAPAN.
2. WAKABAYASHI ASSURED LABATT THAT EVEN IF MINISTER FUJII REPLACED IN NEXT CABINET RESHUFFLE, MOL BUREAUCRACY COMMITTED AT HIGHEST LEVEL TO CONTINUING DIALOGUE WITH DOL. WAKABAYASHI SAID THAT PRESENCE OF KUWABARA (GENERALLY EXPECTED TO BE NEXT ADMINISTRATIVE VICE MINISTER) AT WASHINGTON MEETING GUARANTEED THAT MOL WOULD FOLLOW-UP INFORMAL AGREEMENTS REACHED AT MEETING.
3. IN CONNECTION WITH TIMING OF MARSHALL VISIT" WAKABAYASHI SAID THAT WHILE NO FIRM AGREEMENT HAD BEEN REACHED IN WASHINGTON, MOL HAD DISTINCT IMPRESSION THAT DOL THINKING IN TERMS OF EARLY FEBRUARY 1979. WAKABAYASHI,
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NOTING THAT HE WAS SPEAKING IN A STRICTLY PERSONAL CAPACITY, SAID THAT FEBRUARY WOULD BE EXTREMELY INCONVENIENT FOR MOL BECAUSE IT WOULD BE IN MIDST OF PERIOD WHEN MINISTER SUBJECT TO DAILY GRILLING BY DIET COMMITTEES CONSIDERING BUDGET. WAKABAYASHI SAID MID- OR LATE JANUARY BEFORE DIET SETTLES DOWN TO BUDGET DEBATE WOULD BE MOST CONVENIENT TIME FROM POINT OF VIEW OF MOL.

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